

Friends of the Library

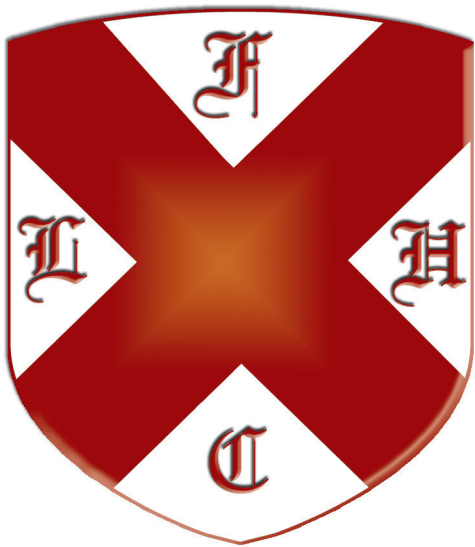
You are cordially invited to become a Friend of the Houston Cole Library.

The purpose of the Friends is to promote an appreciation of the Library as the center of academic life at Jacksonville State University and to provide enrichment for the Library’s resources.

The privileges of membership in the Friends include:

- ❖ An opportunity to participate in the enhancement of the Library
- ❖ A card entitling you to check out books
- ❖ An opportunity to enjoy programs and activities of the Friends

Stop by the circulation desk and ask for details!



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Library Tailgate 2.0



The second annual HCL Tailgate encouraged over 300 students, faculty, and community members to get better acquainted with their Library. In the area affectionately known as the “front porch,” each Library service point had attractive table displays highlighting collections and services set up around the perimeter of the Houston Cole Library. As an incentive for Tailgate visitors, if all tables were visited, an entry could be made to enter and win prizes. Prizes were provided through the generous help and support of area businesses.

Hotdogs, chips, soda, and candy were available for all to snack on while Tailgate participants spoke with Library faculty and staff from all floors and departments of the Houston Cole Library. The JSU Marching Southerners gave a riveting performance. A photo booth, giant Jenga, ladder ball, and cornhole were enjoyed by many. Surveys given during the event indicated positive feelings regarding the HCL Tailgate and an increase of knowledge pertaining to Library services.

Many thanks to our HCL Tailgate 2.0 sponsors!

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Children's Corner Grand Opening



The Children's Corner is a dynamic, colorful facility designed to foster a love of literature and reading in order to promote literacy among the children of Northeast Alabama, and it is located on the 5th Floor of the Houston Cole Library.

It was standing room only when Dr. Pamela Beehler read our first story to children from the community at the Grand Opening celebration. Ms. Laurie Heathcock, Education Librarian, put the ball

in motion over a year ago to make this facility a reality. Through the hard work and dedication of many volunteers along with the support of the Friends of the Library, the Children's Corner is now complete -- a wonderful addition not only to the JSU campus, but to the community as a whole.

Special thanks to the Houston Cole Library Friends of the Library Foundation for its generous donation, which was used to begin the project. Also, thanks to the Alabama State Council on the Arts (ASCA) for funding the Children's Corner. An extra special thank you also goes to Megan Wise, JSU graduate student, whose talent is displayed prominently through the colorful murals she created to decorate the walls, and to Randall Blades, JSU Drama Department Head and director of construction on the Children's Corner stage.

The Children's Corner is currently being prepared for a very busy spring semester. In addition to weekly read-aloud nights, the facility will host book readings and signings by children's authors and illustrators, present community speakers who have special areas of expertise to share with children on a variety of topics, and serve as a space for readers' theater, arts and crafts, and many other types of creative children's programming.

Visit <http://libguides.jsu.edu/childrenscorner> to learn more about the new Children's Corner.

DID YOU KNOW?...

Did you know the most popular Library database this semester was CINAHL Plus Full Text? It was! CINAHL Plus Full Text is a database containing nursing and allied health literature. Find more databases at <http://libguides.jsu.edu/az.php>.

Did you know that you can make an appointment with a librarian if you need help with the Library? You can! Go to <http://libcal.jsu.edu/appointments>, find your librarian or pick any of those listed, and make your appointment! Don't see your librarian on the list? No worries, they can all be found on our Subject Specialists page: <http://libguides.jsu.edu/staff/librarians>.

Did you know that the Library offers a space where groups can study together? We do! One group study area is located on the 4th Floor and the other is on the 5th Floor. The 4th Floor Group Study Room offers collaborative study space for groups of 2 to 8 students, who must have a valid ID. The space includes a whiteboard with markers, television, and computer with a wireless mouse and keyboard. Reservations are required and can be made one week in advance. To reserve this space, call the Circulation Desk (256.782.5758), come to the Desk in person, or use the online form (<http://libcal.jsu.edu/booking/groupstudyroom>). The room can be booked for two-hour periods and renewed if another group has not already reserved it. See <http://bit.ly/2hyzQY2> for details. The 5th Floor Group Study Room also offers collaborative study space for 2 to 5 people. It includes a table and chairs. Reservations are not required. For details about this room, see <http://bit.ly/2iVBT5e>.

Did you know that the Library is all about being social? We are! Like us at <https://www.facebook.com/jsulibrary/>, follow us on <http://www.twitter.com/JSULibrary> and <https://www.instagram.com/jsulibrary/>, and snap with us at <https://www.snapchat.com/add/jsulibrary>.

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Library Renovations

Last semester, the President's Office began renovating the Conference Center located on the 11th Floor of the Houston Cole Library. Renovations of the space, which include new paint, carpet, lighting and other fixtures, furniture, and the conversion of a conference room into the President's Dining Room, have now been completed.

The meeting spaces located in the Conference Center have served as a venue for many local and state conferences, as well as home to a variety of JSU events. The Conference Center features seating for 260 guests, but also offers plenty of room for additional seating.

Rooms 1103A and 1103B create the perfect location for an audience-style event, while 1101A and B work well for banquets. Each side of the Conference Center also offers a classroom setting that can accommodate 30 – 36 students.

The classroom space located on the 10th Floor of the Library (10B) has recently undergone a facelift as well. This room is now set up with tables and chairs to accommodate 30 students, with additional seating for 15 available. This room has two 4-by-8 foot white boards, along with a projector and computer for students and faculty to utilize.

Another project slated to begin in the coming months will be the replacement of all fluorescent lighting with new LED lighting throughout the Library. Officials from JSU's Physical Plant have estimated the new LED lights will use one-fifth to one-third the electrical power and will last approximately ten times longer than the current fluorescent lighting in the building. This new lighting will also create a brighter environment for students.

LIBRARIANS PRESENT INTERNATIONALLY



Kimberly Westbrooks (left) and Karlie Johnson (middle) during their presentation at the OCLC Americas Regional Council Meeting.

The Library was well represented by its faculty at the OCLC Americas Regional Council Meeting held in Baltimore, Maryland in October. The Americas Regional Council represents OCLC member libraries from Canada, the US, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America, and South America. The conference featured Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden as a keynote speaker, and focused on personalizing patron relationships, scaling for growth, and adapting to an ever-changing technological environment.

Assistant professors Kimberly Westbrooks and Karlie Johnson spoke on the challenges and opportunities presented to libraries by millennial patrons, enumerating the characteristics and expectations of this user group. Dean of Library Services John-Bauer Graham, Department Head Jodi Welch Poe, and Professor Bethany Latham's presentation offered a perspective on the importance of relying on the foundational values of librarianship in order to demonstrate relevancy and effectively serve targeted user populations.

BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL FOR FINALS

The Library continues to offer extended hours during final exams during the 2017 fall semester for the convenience of JSU's students and faculty. The Library opened noon-1:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 3rd and 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. from Monday, December 4th through Thursday, December 7th. Game Day, was held on the Library's 11th floor. The Houston Cole Library co-hosted the event with the JSU Tabletop and CCG Club, and the Technology Support Center. All were invited to play card games, board games, video games, and eat snacks to help reduce stress during finals. Students appreciated the flexibility to work on completing papers, research, and exams, while returning back to the 11th floor for more games and interaction. A huge thanks to President Wyatt Adair and Past-President James King of the JSU Tabletop and CCG Club, and Mark Camp and Glenn Davenport of Technology Support Services for their help planning and coordinating this event. Also, thank you to our 4th floor Librarian, Kim Westbrooks for planning, coordinating, and conducting this 2017 fall semester finals Gaming Day. Plans are already underway for spring 2018 extended hours, and upcoming JSU Gaming Days.